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FOR A/SY FROM RSO

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SUBJECT: BURGLARY AT AMERICAN CONSULATE, VIENNA

1. SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT OF FRIDAY 25 JULY TO 0800 SATURDAY 26 JULY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE OFFICES AT 17 REICHSTRATESSTRASSE, VIENNA WERE ENTERED AND BURGLARIZED. TWO CASH BOXES CONTAINING MONEY AND U.S. TREASURY CHECKS WERE OPENED, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY ONLY ABOUT 300 SCHILLINGS WERE TAKEN FROM THE CONSULAR CASH BOX LOCATED IN COUNSELOR RAY WHITE'S LOCAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND POSSIBLY ABOUT 500 SCHILLINGS TAKEN FROM THE INS CASH BOX HELD IN AN OFFICE OF THAT SECTION. U.S. TREASURY CHECKS, BLANK TRAVEL REQUESTS AND SMALL CHANGE IN THAT BOX WERE NOT TAKEN. ENTRY WAS GAINED THROUGH AN OPEN ESCAPE HATCH LEADING FROM THE ROOF TO THE CONSULATE SUPPLY ROOM.

2. THE BURGLARS USED SOME SMALL CROW BAR OR LARGE SCREWDRIVER TO BREAK INTO THE BARLOCK CABINET WHICH HELD THE CASH BOX IN THE COUNSELOR SECRETARY'S OFFICE BUT HE FOUND A KEY FOR THE INS BARLOCK AND GAINED ENTRANCE TO THAT CASH BOX IN THAT MANNER.

3. A REVIEW OF ALL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT SHOWED
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THAT A NEW IBM TYPERWRITER, TWO PAINTINGS (OF LITTLE

VALUE), A PEN AND PENCIL SET FROM THE COUNSELOR'S
DESK AND A SMALL GRUNDING DICTAPHONE WERE MISSING
FROM THE OFFICES.

4. POLICE WERE CALLED TO INVESTIGATE AND INVESTIGA-
TION IS IN PROGRESS.

5. ATTEMPTS TO FIND LATENT FIGNERPRINTS PROVED NEGATIVE.
APPARENTLY PLACE WAS WIPED CLEAN.

6. A COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE PREPARED AND PROVIDED A/SY
AS SOON AS INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED. AS FAR AS WE
KNOW INCIDENT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS. POLICE
ADVISED THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO KEEP IT QUIET. BUCHANAN

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